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For: **SYSTEM AND PROCESS FOR FACILITATING EFFICIENT
COMMUNICATION OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR PARTS AND ASSEMBLIES
WITH A MECHANISM FOR ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITY SELECTION
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 15, 2005 ("Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

As this Reply is made within three-months (as May 15, 2005, falls on a Sunday), it is believed that no extension of time is necessary. If such an extension is necessary, Applicant hereby petitions for any necessary extensions of time to respond to the Office Action. Please charge any deficiencies in payment and credit any overpayment to Attorney's deposit account no. 23-1951.

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Applicant's Remarks begin on page 11.